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(HUNTER, CARRIE JANE)

SUBJ: KIDNAPPED AMERICAN

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE FIRST OF TWO LETTERS
WRITTEN TO CONSUL LEWIS MACFARLANE IN KIGOMA BY CAPTIVE STUDENT
STEVEN SMITH. IT WAS DATED 13 JULY. THE LETTERS WERE BROUGHT BY
P. KATCHOKA AND THREE OTHER PRP REPS.

QTE DEAR MR. MACFARLANE,

I, KENNETH STEVEN SMITH, THE REMAINING STUDENT HELD BY THE PRP,
AM WRITING THIS LETTER POSSIBLY MY LAST TO INFORM YOU OF A
CHANGE IN THE "ATMOSPHERE" AMONG THE LEADERS OF THE PRP.

THE LEADERS OF THE PRP BELIEVE THAT, SINCE CARRIE JANE HUNTER
AND EMILIE VAN ZINNICQ BERGMANN HAVE BEEN RELEASED, YOU ARE NOT
TAKING THIS AFFAIR AS SERIOUSLY AS YOU SHOULD BE AND THAT YOU ARE
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WORKING MUCH TOO SLOWLY TO OBTAIN THE CONDITIONS FOR MY RELEASE.

THE REASON FOR THIS CHANGE IN THE "ATMOSPHERE" IS THAT THEY, THE PRP, HAVE RECEIVED NO ANSWER TO MY LETTER DATED 8 JULY 1975, NOR HAVE THEY HEARD ANY NEWS OVER THE RADIO. THE PRP WOULD LIKE ME TO REITERATE THE FINAL CONDITIONS FOR MY RELEASE WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN CHANGED.

FIRST, THE PRP WANT TO KNOW IF THE GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA IS WILLING TO COOPERATE WITH THEM BY RELEASING THEIR PRISONERS NOW BEING HELD IN TANZANIA. THIS POINT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE PRP BECAUSE IT IS AN INDICATION OF THE POSSIBLE FUTURE RELATIONS WITH TANZANIA.

THEREFORE, IN ORDER TO GAIN MY RELEASE, YOU MUST FREE AT LEAST TWO, THREE, OR FOUR PRISONERS OR HOWEVER MANY YOU FEEL IS REASONABLE. AS SOON AS THESE PRISONERS HAVE ARRIVED HERE SAFELY, I WILL BE RETURNED. THE PRP WILL THEN DEAL WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA THEMSELVES TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF THE REMAINING PRISONERS.

IF THE GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA REFUSES TO COOPERATE BY RELEASING THE PRISONERS, THEN YOU MUST BEGIN THE PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AS DISCUSSED WITH GENERAL NONDO. IF THE PRP DOES NOT RECEIVE THEIR PRISONERS OR HEAR ANY NEWS OVER THE RADIO WITHIN THREE DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THIS LETTER WHICH WILL BE JULY 17, THEY HAVE WARNED THAT MY LIFE WILL BE IN GRAVE DANGER.

I IMPLORE YOU TO ACT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE FOR EITHER SECURING RELEASE OF PRISONERS OR BEGINNING THE LARGE-SCALE PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN. I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT IF THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT IS NOT WILLING TO COOPERATE, THE PRP WANTS TO KNOW THIS.

I HAVE FAITH IN MY GOVERNMENT AND ITS REPRESENTATIVES AND I KNOW THAT YOU WILL DO EVERYTHING TO OBTAIN MY RELEASE. I ASK THAT YOU PLEASE ACT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. I REMAIN IN GOOD MENTAL AND PHYSICAL CONDITION. WOULD YOU PLEASE TELL MY PARENTS NOT TO WORRY AND THAT I SEND THEM ALL OF MY LOVE.
FAITHFULLY YOURS,
STEVEN SMITH UNQTE

2. SECOND LETTER FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.
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